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Governors State University  
**Faculty Senate Meeting**  
**Minutes, April 19, 2007**

**Senators (Present = X):**

<u>      </u> E. Alozie	<u>  X  </u> T. Kelly	<u>      </u> W. Rudloff
<u>  X  </u> P. Blobaum	<u>  X  </u> J. Klomes	<u>  X  </u> A. Sanders
<u>  X  </u> M. Clark	<u>      </u> J. Lingamneni	<u>  X  </u> J. Simon
<u>      </u> K. Chung	<u>  X  </u> G. Lyon	<u>  X  </u> C. Tymkow
<u>      </u> D. Diers	<u>  X  </u> Z. Malik	<u>  X  </u> B. Wilson
<u>      </u> E. Essex	<u>  X  </u> C. Mietlicki	<u>  X  </u> B. Winicki
<u>  X  </u> H. Heino	<u>  X  </u> R. Muhammad	<u>      </u> J. Zhao
<u>  X  </u> M. Kasik	<u>  X  </u> L. Proudfit	

**Guests:** Colleen Rock-Cawthon, Sandi Estep, Lisa Hendrickson, Rosemary Hulett, Rebecca K. Wojcik,

We began at 1:10 p.m. There was a quorum. Lyon called the meeting to order.

**1. Rosemary Hulett**

Hulett presented the GSU Foundation's report from this year's phonathon. GSU Foundation's fundraising event held this spring was very successful in raising the level of participation, as well as a substantial amount of funding.

**2. Sandi Estep SEI Policy Committee**

Estep gave a report as SEI Policy Committee Chair. The new policy is planning an online format for SEIs. A good feature will be that faculty could select from an array of questions and tailor make the SEIs more specific for their course, in addition to the standard set of administrative mandatory questions. The administration is concerned about the impact online SEIs might have: such as, only those "who have an axe to grind" will respond. Another concern is who will respond; for example, those who have not paid fees would not be able to. Additionally, online surveys traditionally have a low rate of return—from 64-95%, with an average of 75%—as opposed to a classroom "captive audience" survey, in which the return rate is much higher, closer to 95-100%. The SEI committee distributed a list of questions to program chairs who were to take them to their faculty. The committee gave the prospective date of June 22 for the faculty to select questions for their specific programs. If this project goes through, GSU will be the 1<sup>st</sup> in Illinois to have SEIs online. Another point was brought up that students could be blocked from viewing their grades if they had not completed their SEIs. ISITP wants the committee to look at products of different vendors.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes were approved with minor corrections to be made.

#### **4. Provost's Report—no report**

#### **5. Committee Reports**

##### **University Curriculum Committee (Muhammad)**

Muhammad gave the Committee's Annual Report to Senate, along with written handout. There is a new form for writing-intensive or technology-intensive courses. A professor must attach this form if he/she wants the course so designated. There were 240 changes for 2005-06 catalogue and 198 for the 2006-07 catalogue: 114 for existing courses, 86 for new courses; 20 to delete courses; 29 for curriculum changes; 14 for changes in Annual listings; 1 for RAMER. 81 of the 265 items had to be returned for corrections and clarifications; 5 of the 81 were returned a second time. With much appreciation for all her work, Senate received Muhammad's statement that she is stepping down as Chair, and as a member, of UCC after nearly a decade of invaluable service.

##### **Academic Program Review Committee (APRC) (Winicki)**

Winicki presented APRC's report, accompanied with written handout. Dr. Linda Buyer met with APRC and discussed with them the options for data that might be available for APRC's annual program reviews. Based on that discussion, APRC may use four criteria: Program Service Hours, Student Retention, Ratio FTF to Majors, # Tenure/Tenure Track vs. Lecturers vs. Part Time Faculty, in addition to criteria used previously: Number of Majors; SCH Productivity; Number of Degrees Awarded. Change in Annual Listings and RAMERs have been approved by APRC to: Certificate in Information Security; Concentration in Information Security for BS in Management Information Systems; Specialization in Information Security for MS in Management Information Systems; Post-Master's Certificate in School Counseling; Concentration name changes for BA in Communications ( Public Relations to Advertising and Public Relations; TV/Video Production to Digital Film Making). APRC recommended suspension rather than elimination for the following: Public Administration concentration in BA in Business Administration, Public Administration Minor. The RNUI review process of GSU's first doctoral-level program, the DPT, involved 5 reviews, 3 programs (DNP, Doctorate of Nursing Practice; DrOT, Doctor of Occupational Therapy; Counselor Education and Supervision Ph.D) and took approximately one year.

##### **IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee (Wojcik)**

Wojcik presented IBHE Faculty Advisory Committee report, accompanied with written handout. FAC met in Springfield and attended the IBHE Board meeting. Wojcik presented the legislative report, the list of bills currently in process. Wojcik suggested Senators should read the information, make comments to their legislators, and help them to understand our perspectives. Wojcik has participated in the working group on Institutional and Program Approval as GSU's

representative to IBHE's Faculty Advisory Committee that has been working on program review policies. IBHE put the Institutional and Program Approval Working Group's recommendations on the IBHE's website at <http://www.ibhe.org/workingGroup/comment.asp> For a complete list of bills currently under review, see Senate secretary or B. Wojcik.

### **University Assessment Committee (Wojcik)**

Wojcik reported on the video conference. Thirty people attended the video presentation and follow-up discussion. The alumni data task force has now completed its work and is ready to supply a report to the new Provost.

### **Educational Policies Committee (Tymkow)**

Policies 2 and 5 are complete.

### **Bargaining Unit (Katz)**

No report.

### **Executive Committee (Lyon)**

Lyon reported that the survey is completed and now being polished. It has been submitted for IRB approval. One faculty member is not happy with the survey and wants to design his own. The HLC retreat is now potentially scheduled for 5/11/07 (Friday). Faculty is invited. Elections are going to be held shortly for open Senate spots.

### **New Business**

#### **1) College of Education—Dean Issue**

In the College of Education the tenured faculty have attempted to take a "Vote of No Confidence" about their Dean (Russell) through the Union. The Union said that it could not handle the voting process, but in the past the Senate has been used. Discussion ensued as to whether the Senate is an appropriate place for this sort of venue and what other possibilities are available, such as the Provost's Office or an Internal Auditor. Rock-Cawthon said she would check the Board of Trustees's regulations about procedures and report to Lyon.

#### **2) Security at GSU**

Considerable time was spent on discussing the episode at Virginia Tech and the water main break at GSU. There are reports of nights when only one police officer is on duty. Kasik was stranded on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor when the water main broke, and she could not get down. The safety committee has a plan, but people are not trained, signs are not put up, and evacuation chairs are not made available. Emergency management plans were distributed to unit heads, but not we do not know where they are. Reports have been given to Tuohy, Keys, and Fagan, but money is not available and there has not been any follow through. After the episode at Virginia Tech, two senators reported having students who are similarly seriously "disturbed." We discussed training for faculty about warning signs and

how to act in a way that might prevent such a tragedy from happening at GSU; how to deal with disasters, etc. The safety committee has distributed a booklet to the faculty, and it is also available online.

### **Old Business**

none

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was dismissed at 2:55 P. M.

Respectfully submitted

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